

Acknowledgement Parent or Guardian & Student Annual Notification Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)



Education Code 48980 requires all school districts in California to give annual notification to parents regarding matters related to school instruction and administration. In an effort to reduce costs and conserve resources, the annual notification is available on the district website at: <http://www.vacavilleusd.org/parentforms>.

Please take a moment to review it. After reviewing the document online, please sign below acknowledging that you've received notice of your rights. If you are unable to review the document online, please indicate below and your school will provide you with a paper copy.

School districts are also required by law (Education Code 48982) to collect, from the parent or guardian, a signed acknowledgement of receipt of the annual notification. Your signature is an acknowledgment that you have been informed of your rights but does not indicate consent to participate in any particular program.

All information found in the VUSD Annual Parent or Guardian & Student Annual Notification packet will continue to be available online and at schools throughout the year.

Please complete one acknowledgement for each student.

Student's Name _____ Student's School _____

Please select one:



- I reviewed the VUSD Annual Parent or Guardian & Student Annual Notification packet.
- I have not accessed the online copy of the VUSD Annual Parent or Guardian & Student Annual Notification. Please send a printed copy home with my child. (*The printed copy packet will include a signature page to sign after you've reviewed the packet.*)

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Vacaville Unified School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Vacaville Unified School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the Vacaville Unified School District to the contrary in accordance with Vacaville Unified School District procedures.

The primary use of directory information is to allow the Vacaville Unified School District to recognize student achievement and activities by including information from your child's education records (usually name or photo) in various media. Some examples include: honor roll, graduation programs, school or district sponsored social media pages featuring school activities.

In accordance with state and federal law, directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture caps and gowns or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, (ESEA) as amended to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. These laws are Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c).



- YES, I have read and understand the notice above, and I give VUSD permission to release information about my student as described above.
- NO, I have read and understand the notice above, and I DO NOT give VUSD permission to release information about my student as described above.

Student's Name _____ Student's School _____

PRINT-Parent or Guardian

SIGNATURE-Parent or Guardian

Date